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WE may juſtly call this Preſent year 1672. *Annus Prodigioſus* : If We judiciouſly conſider, of the preſent State and Temper of the World. Or at leaſt expect it, to be a Year of ſome extraordinary concernment. For the preſent *Conjuncture* of *Affairs* in *Chriſtendom*, on the one hand, and the great and conſiderable Preparations of the *Grand Seignior* on the other, may juſtly ſeem to fill the Thoughts of moſt judicious People with the expectation of ſome Prodigious or Superlative Actions to enſue, and be apparent in this very year.

True it is, great are the matters now on foot, even in theſe very *European* parts; and ſtrong preparations are making for War (as it is notoriouſly known.) As if fierce martial actions, were now the only buſineſs generally intended to be proſecuted: And amongſt others, *England* ſeems now concerned. His *Majeſty* of *Great Britain*, being juſtly provoked, and ſtirred up (once more) unto a War, with a people vulgarly called, the *Hollander* or *Dutch*: by the affronts and injuries, done unto His Majeſty, and His Subjects, by thoſe ungrateful People. It being ſufficiently known, even to all the inhabitable parts of the World, that our very forefathers, by their bloud and valour, did in the time of the Raign of our moſt Gracious Soveraign, Queen *Elizabeth*, of famous memory: advance even theſe very *Dutch*, Mens Progenitors: from a very low, diſtreſſed, and mean condition, to their preſent greatneſs at this time, of being Merchants, Souldiers, Seamen, and a noted People, for a general traffick of all the World. Whoſe *Hogen Mogens* muſt aſſuredy know, (e're a very ſhort time) notwithſtanding, their preſent greatneſs: that they themſelves are, and ſhall be inferiour, unto His *Majeſty*, as King of *Great Britain*. This I preſume to mention, in regard of the preſent Configurations of the Stars, and the effects of two malevolent oppoſitions of the two ſuperiour Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, now operating upon thoſe People; and the preſent threatnings of *Heaven* againſt them.

In the year 1664. God gave warning unto the World of ſeveral approaching calamities, by the appearence of a *Comet* in *November* and *December*, of the ſaid year: which did accordingly happen. Amongſt the reſt, the *Hollanders* were (quickly after) ſufficiently ſenſible of many Troubles; occaſioned by a War (which not without good ſucceſs) His *Majeſty* of *Great Britain*, proſecuted againſt them, whereby the *Dutch* were ſenſible of many loſſes, and the deſtruction of many of their ſhips and men; by ſeveral Sea engagements with the *Engliſh*; after which a Peace was obtained. God as it were giving them time and ſpace to amend; whoſe mercy hath been by them not much regarded: no amendment hath appeared, nor better carriage towards the *Engliſh*. *Ergo*, Now by the oppoſitions of the two *ſuperi-*

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our bodies, and other *Celeſtial* Configurations, God doth again give them notice of a ſad time approaching: even to the great hazard of their lives and fortunes; if not of their whole Countrey.

Aſſuredly, every Kingdom, Countrey, City, and People, in this World hath their *Criſis* or *Critical* times; and it ſeems probable unto me, according to the rules of Art, That even this very year 1672. will be a *Critical* year unto the *United Provinces*. And if we look back unto the time of their falling off from the Government of the moſt *Catholick King*, we ſhall find it to be in the year 1572. *Petavius Hiſt.* of the World, *Lib. 9. Cap. 12.* So that they have continued a free State, or People of Government in their own hands, theſe 100. years; but even now ſeem to be drawing to ſome ſudden Cataſtrophy.

The truth is, when I was drawing up my Obſervations in *July* laſt paſt, for the Preſs, in my *Almanack* for this ſaid year 1672. Since Printed and publiſhed; I then found good reaſon (verily) according to the Poſitions and Configurations of the *Celeſtial* Bodies, even in this very year, to miſtruſt ſome more then ordinary matters attend thoſe very Countries, therein: and to break forth amongſt thoſe very People, namely the *Dutch*. Yet conſidering with my ſelf (as the caſe then ſtood) it might not be ſafe for me, then to mention publickly, what I then obſerved, was hinted againſt them, by the Configurations and Poſitions of the *Heavens*, happening even this very year: I paſt it over in theſe very words, as you may find mentioned, page the 13*th.* of the laſt ſheet of my ſaid *Almanack*; for this ſaid year, 1672. viz. *Verily this preſent poſition of the Planet* Mars, *ſeems to be of ſome unpleaſant relation, as unto ſome places under the Cœleſtial ſign* Cancer, (under which the United Provinces are) *this Spring Quarter: for he oppoſeth now their Aſcendant, and that in an exalted manner: If* Holland, Zealand, *the* Low Countreys, Venice, Tunis, Algiers, Conſtantinople, Amſterdam, *and ſome other places in the North, or Northern parts, be no ways diſturbed, or unſetled in their affairs; but abide and remain in a quiet and peaceable frame this year, it will be a thing very acceptable* (I ſuppoſe) *unto them*, &c. Since which time His *Majeſty* of *Great Britain*, hath been neceſſi-

necessitated for the just defence, and vindication of his own, and Subjects Rights, to declare War against the States of the said *United Provinces*; whose further disturbance seems also signified to appear from His Most *Christian Majesty*, &c.

There is not any thing in the Cœlestial, or Elemantary World without order. Above us in the Glorious Heavens, are Angels and Arch-angels; Below those Heavens, (according to the opinion of the Learned) are inferiour Angels, or Spirits. Moreover, there are several Orbs of Superiour and Inferiour Stars: which have great influence upon the Inferiour things here below, (as many wise Men conceive) and do in a natural way, foreshew and declare beforehand, unto the World, by their Conjunctions, several Aspects, Configurations, and Transits in the Heavens; the grand Mutations, and Alterations of Kingdoms, Cities, Countreys. Provinces, The good or bad success of the Armies Navies, of Kings, Princes, and States, Dearth or Plenty, Peace, or War, Famine, Plague and Pestilence, or whatever other Calamity, Change or Misfortune in a natural way, may be signified to happen unto the World in general, or unto any particular part or Region thereof. And it often happeneth, that sometimes these *Celestial* Bodies, and wandring Stars, do in some years, declare and signifie much good, and great Felicity unto some People, Nations, and Countreys; And sometimes again, in some other years, Evil, Trouble, War, Calamity and Misfortune; And these things usually happen (unless contradicted by God himself) according to the course, and motion which divine providence hath assigned them in the Heavens, and the good or bad Aspects, Configurations, and Positions of the Stars, yearly, and every year —— Now upon strict examination of the present influence of the Stars, and disposition of the Heaven; we do in plain terms discover, that there are matters designed and declared, by them to appear even in this present year of 1672. to the *United Provinces*, and their Subjects; and People of dangerous consequence, *&c.* And of superlative importance unto all *Europe*. I have made a narrow disquisition into the effects of some oppositions of the two Superiour Planets, *Saturn* and *Jupiter*, in former times; and do find that they have always been attended

ded with no mean or trivial actions; but with such as have been of lofty concernment, and of a troublesome Nature; as I could sufficiently make manifest unto the World. And now there hath very lately happened two oppositions of these two Superiour Bodies, before-named, the one in *October*, the other in *January last past*, whose portents are now ready to appear. And a third opposition (also) of them is designed to happen in this year, in *September* next, whose effects will be also considerable. These Oppositions here mentioned, happening in the Constellations of *Virgo*, and *Pisces*. Now, if the *United Provinces*, be under the watry Triplicity, (as is generally conceived by all *Astrologers*) Then undoubtedly, those Countreys will be in this year sensible of the malevolent Influence of these present oppositions; whose effects seem to be of a troublesome importance unto them, and their People: in regard *Jupiter* is in *Pisces*, a sign or *Asterisme* of the watry *Trigon*; and is now in these very times afflicted, and disturbed therein by *Saturns* malevolent Influence.

In Oppositione duorum superiorum strages fiunt Rig. Lib. 2. Ap. 80.

Again, it cannot be yet (I suppose) quite forgotten; How, that even a year and half ago, or there abouts; some part of the *United Provinces* were a little startled, (and that not without cause) at a certain Prodigie which then happened in some part of those Countreys, which was a prodigious number of *Mice*, which did appear amongst the People there, towards *Rotterdam*, or thereabouts: passing over, or proceeding from a certain River, entring into the fields, and places of the inhabitants, in a most extraordinary manner. Assuredly, whatever slight opinion the World may have of such things, God seldom, or never sends such Prodigies amongst any People, without giving warning thereby of some evil Change, Calamity or unexpected matters to ensue; And verily such prodigies are, and ought to be esteemed of some important signification unto the Countreys or People whereso'ever they happen.

Finally, I have taken special notice of the position of Heaven, at the Suns ingress into *Aries*, upon the 9*th*. of *March* last past, at 42 minutes past 4 of the Clock in the afternoon: Being the *Revolutional* position for this present

ſent years. And then found the Planet *Mars* (under whom *England* is accounted to be) in his exaltation, in *Capricorn*, in oppoſition to *Cancer*, (the Aſcendant (as reputed) of *Holland*, *Zealand*, and the *United Provinces*) in an Angle in the 4*th*. houſe, even in time of *Jupiter*, and but juſt ſeparating from it. *Mars* being the only Planet; then eſſentially, or accidentally fortified in the Heavens; But the Moon appeared then in a very weak condition, *peregrine*, and in *Sagitary*, wholly out of her eſſential dignities (under whom the ſaid *United Provinces* are reckoned to be) as being Ruler of the ſign *Cancer* their Aſcendant) ſhe being near *Cor Scorpii*, a violent fixed Star, and alſo labouring under ſome conſiderable Aſpects of malevolent Nature, as ſeparating from a *Quartile* of *Mercury*, and applying to a *Quartile* of *Jupiter*; and afterwards paſſing by a Sextile of *Venus* and coming to a *Quartile* of *Saturn*. All which duly conſidered with their Cœleſtial matters of like conſequence, then alſo appearing in the ſaid poſition of Heaven: together alſo with ſome other malevolent configurations, hereafter appearing, we may very juſtly conceive, and hereby do preſume to tell the World, that if *England* be in very deed under the dominion of the Planet *Mars*, and *Cancer* (be likewiſe) the true aſcendant of the *United Provinces*, and they under the dominion of the Moon (as hath been herein declared) and as all Aſtrologers, both ancient & modern have affirmed. (If there be any verity in Aſtrology, as ſome men of great learning and wiſdom in all Ages paſt, have concluded) then aſſuredly His Majeſties Naval forces, ſhall manage their buſineſs in this preſent intended War againſt the *States* of the *United Provinces*; and their People with great courage, and Gallantry; and His Majeſty ſhall have good ſucceſs in His preſent deſigns, and Martial undertakings againſt thoſe *States* and their People; who muſt now in this year, labour under many difficulties, verily the blood of the ſlaughtered *Engliſh* at *Amboyna*, which were in cold blood, ſo inhumanly dealt withall by the *Dutch*, ſeem to cry aloud in the Ears of God Almighty for vengeance againſt them, which ſeems now preparing, and almoſt ready to be inflicted upon them.

Ralwinter near Saffron-Walden in Eſſex, April 8, 1672.

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